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1. Build-up of Soviet military installations in the southern Kuriles, Shikotan, and the Habomai Islands was noticed beginning in 1950, and was particularly noticeable following the shooting down of an American B-29 in October 1952. 25X1

Shikotan-To

2. Soviet Army and Border Guard units are apparently stationed on Shikotan-To, where formerly there were a [] fort, radio station, and airfield. There are unconfirmed reports that Shikotan-Ko and Anama-Ko (NM3-48, EM46-00) are submarine bases. 25X1

Yuri-Shima

Port facilities at Zeigomae (NM3-24, EM46-05) include piers to accommodate medium (about 100 ton) and small (about 50 ton) patrol boats, mooring buoys, and oil tanks. A Border Guard unit is reported to be stationed in a former [] elementary school in Zeigomae. Other facilities include barracks, a power plant, a firing range, and a detention camp for [] fishermen. 25X1

4. Zeiko-Wan is a base for one or two medium and two or three small patrol boats. The largest ship observed there was a 7,000-ton transport. This inlet is flanked with anti-aircraft positions and trenches, and a small lighthouse is situated on the eastern side of the entrance to the bay.
5. There are apparently more than 150 military personnel on Yuri-Shima, plus dependents and civilian employees. At least five lookout posts are located throughout the island, some of them equipped with searchlights. There is an installation on the southeastern coast which appears to be a radar station.

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Akiyuri-Jima

6. Lookout posts are located at Anama and Itashibe. Facilities at the southern end of the island include a radar station, an ultra-short wave radio station, and a steel tower believed to be a radio direction finder.

Shibotsu-Shima

7. About 100 Border Guard and radar personnel are stationed on Shibotsu-Shima. The island is inhabited by many fishermen, and has a school and hospital. There are two installations believed to be radar stations on hills overlooking Nishi Uratomari (N43-30, E146-07). One of these stations was erected in the latter part of April 1953, and the other in the latter part of August 1953. A detention camp for [redacted] fishermen was completed at Nishi Uratomari in the latter half of 1953. Nishi Uratomari has no quays, but at times one or two medium and four small patrol boats have been seen anchored there.

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Suisho-To

8. There are army barracks and a wooden pier near Zeikomae (N43-25, E145-54), at the southern end of the island. This pier is utilized by a 40-to 50-ton auxiliary sailing vessel which delivers provisions and other supplies about once a month. At Homae-Saki (N43-27, E145-52), there are army barracks and five steel towers about 20 meters high. There also appear to be gun emplacements under construction in the same area. Homae-Saki is also known as Penzai-Saki. There are searchlights located in the vicinity of Osaki and Nakanohama. Families of Soviet military personnel are living on Suisho-To, but the military strength is unknown.

Taraku-To

9. There is a lookout post located at Hororyuya-Saki (N43-37, E146-08), at the eastern extremity of Taraku-To. There are army barracks located at Furubetsu, on the northern (sic) side of the island.¹

Moiko-Shima

10. There is a searchlight located at the southern extremity of this inlet.

1. [redacted] Comment: Maps available to this office show Furubetsu at the southeastern side of Taraku-To.

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